

TENNESSEE BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
CONSTITUTION  
(Revised November, 1999)

NAME

ARTICLE I. The Tennessee Baptist Historical Society shall be the name for the state organization.

OBJECTIVE

ARTICLE II. The objective of the Society shall be to promote interest in Baptist history and to assist in locating, collecting, and preserving historical materials of interest to Baptists. The Society shall make available information about historical records and materials, sites of interest, and will promote the preservation of such records and materials. The Society shall publish a historical journal. The Society shall encourage the formation of local chapters throughout the state.

MEMBERSHIP

ARTICLE III. The membership of the Society shall be open to all individual persons and representatives of institutions interested in Baptist history. Annual dues shall be determined by the Administrative Council.

OFFICERS

ARTICLE IV. The officers of the Society shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Chairman, and Editor. They shall be elected at the annual meeting of the society. Only those persons who are members of cooperating Tennessee Baptist churches will be eligible to serve as elected officers. These shall be nominated by the Administrative Council. Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

ARTICLE V. There shall be an Administrative Council. Its membership is to be composed of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Chairman, and Editor of the Society, the Historical Consultant of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, and the President, Vice President, and Secretary/Treasurer of each local chapter. The purpose of the Council is to transact such business as deemed necessary to achieve the objectives of the Society. It shall set the policies of the historical journal and appoint its editor. It shall prepare a budget and direct the Treasurer in administering the funds of the Society and in establishing an endowment.

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MEETINGS

ARTICLE VI. There shall be an annual meeting of the Society. The date, place, and format shall be determined by the Council. The Council shall meet twice yearly. The local chapters are encouraged to meet at least quarterly. The Society will help encourage, promote, and support area conferences/workshops conducted through the office of the Historical Society consultant.

AMENDMENTS

ARTICLE VII. Proposed changes in the Constitution must be presented at the annual meeting and voted on at the next annual meeting. A two-thirds majority vote of those present and voting is required for approval.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE VIII. By-laws of the Society may be adopted by a two-thirds majority vote of those present and voting at the annual meeting. Local chapters will have the privilege of adopting by-laws as needed as long as they are in accord with the Constitution and purpose of the Tennessee Baptist Historical Society.

COMMITTEES

ARTICLE IX. The President shall appoint such committees as deemed necessary. The local chapters shall appoint any committees as needed to conduct their chapter business.

RELATIONSHIP

ARTICLE X. The Tennessee Baptist Historical Society is a program of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, assuming rights and responsibilities in promoting and preserving history of interest to Baptists. A program statement was approved by the Tennessee Baptist Convention, November, 1976, and is attached to this document. The Society shall maintain an auxiliary relationship to the Southern Baptist Historical Society.

DISSOLUTION

ARTICLE XI. Upon the dissolution of the organization, all its liabilities and obligations shall be paid and discharged, after which the remainder of the assets will be disposed of exclusively in a manner to further the purpose of the organization, or transferred to such organization organized and operated exclusively for charitable or educational purposes, as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization under Section 50103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.